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SUBJ: SAHEL CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING

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FOR STONE FROM ROSS

1. YOU HAVE SEEN DOUG HECK'S MESSAGE TO ME ABOUT THE MEETING IN ABIDJAN MARCH 29-30 OF OUR CHIEFS OF MISSION FROM THE SAHEL (REFTEL). I WAS UNABLE TO CHECK OUT OUR THINKING BY C.O.B. TODAY PARIS TIME, SO I AM CABLING YOU IN LIEU OF PHONING. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET SCHEDULED DOUG'S HEARING, AND IT IS OUR VIEW THAT ONCE DOUG ARRIVES AND BEGINS HIS CONSULTATION HE SHOULD REMAIN IN THE WASHINGTON AREA AND BE AVAILABLE TO THE SENATE. THESE HEARINGS CAN BE SET ON SHORT NOTICE.

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2. WHILE THE ADVANTAGES FOR DOUG OF ATTENDING THE ABIDJAN

MEETING ARE CLEAR, I THINK IT WOULD BE MORE PRUDENT THAT HE NOT BREAK HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATION PERIOD. THE RESULTS OF THE ABIDJAN MEETINGS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM, OF COURSE, AND HE WOULD BE SEEING IN WASHINGTON MANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS. KISSINGER

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